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ALLS ON WATER DEPARTMENT OFFI

The Undertook to Carry Out on I legal Contract-Unmercifully Scores by Vice-Chanceller Pitney-Preparations for Carrying the Bloomfield Case to Court.

In view of the fact that legal action de likely to be taken seeking to restrain the Town Council from carrying out the big pipe job planned by the chairman of the water committee, the views of Vice-Chancellor Pitney on the manipulations of water department officials is of par ticular local interest. 'The action before Vice-Chancellor Pitney was one to restrain the Perth Amboy water depart ment from carrying out a contract to purchase a tract in Middlesex county The Vice-Chanceller characterized th action of the water board as "all rot and as "shocking to common sense

common honesty and common decency. Suit to restrain the sale was brough by John L. Mundy aga taxpayer of Perth Amboy, his object being, as stated by Adrian Lyon, who appeared for Mr Mundy, "to prevent a powerful political influence from robbing the city of Perth

Several allegations were presented the effect that a tract of some thirty odd agree of land in Madison township. Middlesex county, which the Board Water Commissioners of Perth Amboy have contracted to buy from Asbury and James Fountain for \$15,000, was worth \$500 an acre. The matter came up on an order to show chuse,

Asbury Fountain was once director o the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders, and both he and his brother Vames, Mr. Lyon sald, were important ectors in the politics of that county. as the water commissioners have already bought between 400 and 500 acres land surrounding the thirty-acre tract at an average price of \$22 an acre, to undertake to pay \$500 an acre for the Fountain tract constituted "so gross an abuse of discretionary power" on the part of the board as to warrant the court's interference by injunction.

What made the agreement to purchase at the price stated seem even worse, Mr. Lyon said, was the fact that the city of Perth Amboy, under former deeds, was the right to "flow" twelve acres of the tract. Moreover, the water commissioners, under the law, could condemn the land, in which event the condemnation commissioners would have to be governed by the prices paid for adjoining lands, and an adjacent tract had only this year been bought by Perth Amboy for \$22 an acre. But no attempt to take by condemnation had been made and no intention of doing so had ever been manifest, he said.

Mr. Lyon went on to tell how Frank P. McDermott of Jersey City had sold to the board a tract of eighteen acres in that vicinity for \$200.

The Vice-Chancellor remarked: suppose it's the kind of land of which at can be said ' the more of it a man has the poorer he is."

Mr. Lyon went on to tell that the ostensible need for the land was to augment Perth Amboy's water supply, i being claimed that an alleged underlying strate of water bearing gravel would furnish additional ground storage. To the Vice-Chancellor's query as to whether It had any value for other purposes, Mr. Lyon answered in the negative,

The Vice-Chancellor wanted to know whether there was any proof that there was no other underlying water bearing gravel in that section, and Willard P. Voorhees, who appeared for the water commissioners, answered in the affirm

Mr. Lyon told of alleged acts of the Fountain brothers intended to harass the Perth Amboy water commissioners. The first of such acts, Mr. Lyon said, was a suft of trespass begun by them welve years ago. This resulted in esablishing the right of the commissionrs to flow about a third of the tract he board was again harassed, it was ald, by James Fountain and Henry H. rown, father-in-law of Asbury Founin, when it was proposed to lay a main. ng a public highway from Perth. Am boy to the pumping station in Madison wnship. As a result of alleged obruntive tactics on the part of James untain and Brown, Mr. Lyon declared commissioners were forced, as an artimitive, to pay \$2,500 to deflect the relt d lines of the main and spend s is right of way. More recent-I a trestle over a roadway in Madiownship for convenience of carrynotal to the pumping station, the waship committee of Madison town-"Nt which James Fountain was a "for t'had demanded the payment of r the privilege, Mr. Lyon added, on went on to tell that Com-The 1 Voorhees had testified that it of the agreement to take the

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IN RAVY HAND OF THE LAW shottain from further harassing acts, and to cross the highway at grade to reach the pumping station without the pay-

ment of a money consideration. "That is a palpable traud," the Vice-Chancellor interrupted, "If by paying clear of paying the \$1,500,"

Mr. Voorhees hastened to explain that the \$1,500 was not to have been paid to the Zountains, but the Vice-Chancellor declared that an agreement to pay an exorbitant pi ce for the land on condithat all obstructive tactics would was esentially fraudulent, and that the Board of Water Commissioners could not spend the taxpayers' money in buying political peace.

The basic principles in the Bloomfield case are the same as in the Perth Amboy The shairman of the water comaittee here wants to spend a large mount of money in pipe line extensions. The law limits the amount of bonds that can be annually issued for such work to \$5,000. To get around the law the chairman of the water committee got a motion through the Town Council by a vote of four to three authorizing the expenditure of the "profits" of the water department in addition to the proceeds of the bonds in pipe line extension.

This motion paved the way for a report from the water committee showing eight thousand dollars or more in "profits" to the credit of the water department. This large "profit." with the \$5,000 of bonds, gives the water committee upwards of \$13,000 to spend in purchasing supplies for construction work and the contract

Members of the Town Council who are opposed to the methods of the chairman of the water committee, discredited his report as a "profit" showing document. The chairman then got the town treasurer and the town collector to make affidavits that were used to give an appearance of truthfulness to the "profit" feature of the report. The town treasurer is a man of experience in financial matters, and an affidavit from him was

a trump card in the game. It is these affidavite that will particularly attract the attention of the court when the case comes up, as well as that of the dangerous precedent set in the motion authorising the water department to spend profits in pipe extensions.

Attempted Suicide.

William Barrett, 50 years old, of Monroe street. New York, while crazed with the heat, attempted to commit suicide in the rear of the Chestnut Hill station of the Greenwood Lake Bailroad in Glen Ridge on Monday morning. With penknife he severed an artery in his left The attempt was unsuccessful, and finally Barrett wandered into the Herman street policestation where he told Chief of Police Brown that he had been pursued all the way from Hoboken by an army of Whitecaps, They had, he said, chased him through Hackensack, Paterson, Bloomfield, and then to Glen Ridge. The unfortunate man said he had not sleet for two weeks.

Ohlef Brown noticed that Barrett kept his coat over his left hand, and then saw blood dripping on the floor. He questloned the man and found that he had stabbed himself. He then took him to the Mountainside Hospital, where Dr. Horan dressed the wound in time to save him from bleeding to death.

Records; Smith committed Barrett the county Jail for thirty days, and in the meantime he will try to find out more about the man. The latter says he has a brother in Providence, R. I. who is a saloon-keeper, and another one tn Denver Colo.

Exciting Bide. William Ross of this town had an exwhen he went for a drive. The horse he was driving became frightened at a assing automobile and became unmanageable. He seized the bit in his teeth and dashed in the wake of the machine. To onlookers it appeared as if the horse were determined on revenge. The occupants of the machine thought so, too, for the women cast frightened glances behind and urged the chauffeur to put on more speed. Just as it looked as if the runaway horse would leap into the automobile the driver of the machine turned into a side street, and thus escaped the oursuing horse. Mr. Ross was pitched was not hurt.

Barn Dance, A reception and barn dance that will ong be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present was that street on Saturday evening last. The building, which is well along towards completion, was tastefully decorated throughout, the lower floor being reserved for the reception of guests, the upper one being given over to dancing. | guet 23 for a three months' trip to Call-Refreshments were served at 10.30 formla and the West, stopping at Denver, o'clock, after which the festivities were resumed ustil midnight, when the San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Spomerry-makers departed for their homes. | kane and Helens.

FOUR-THREE AGAIN.

Town Council Divides on the Old Familiar Lines - Councilmen Murray, Farrand and Davis Again Defeated in a Fight for Economy-Mr. Green's Four Votes More Potent than Argument.

in public expenditures in the near future. Councilmen Murray, Farrand and Davis again arrayed themselves in opposition to Mr. Green's scheme, but he was able to offset their arguments with his four votes, and they again went down,

ment of another special policeman. Mr. Green wanted a man from the Second district of the Third ward appointed as special policeman. Mesers. Murray. Farrand and Davis opposed an increase of police department expenses. climan Chabot, misapprehending the nature of the debate, evidently took it that the opposition was based on the an extended eulogy of the mar.

remarks were foreign to the issue. The of Newark's sewers on Second street. man's character, he said, was not in worked into the police payroli,

Mr. Murray further objected to increased police expanditures on the ground that the police appropriation trunk of the system to be built in would be exceeded this year.

were only two specials that would do sewerage system in the indicated appointed having refused the job. The | would, I believe, be feasible for each to two specials are at present doing duty while the regular men are on their vacations. The appropriation, Mr. Green said, would not be affected by the nam-

ing of another man. Mr. Farrand also spoke against the appointment of any more specials.

When the roll was called the recom mendation was concurred in by a vote of four to three-Murray, Farrand and Davis voting no. and Green, Hepburn. Chabot and Mayor Pisher voting in the estimated annual cost of operation will

Fell Into a Well.

Gertrude Reynolds, 27 years old, Cuban, who has been stopping at the home of Mrs. Ellen Calvert, Liberty street, had a narrow escape from drowning in a well on the Calvert premises on Monday morning. The woman was standing on a bench adjusting the chain attached to the bucket when she leaned forward too far and the bench elipped from under her, and she was precipitated headforemost down the well. The bucket and chain went with her.

The well is about sixty feet deep, and there is about ten feet of water in it. Miss Nellie Cullen, who sat on the plazza of Mrs. Francis Moran's home in Liberty street, naw the woman fall, and notified Emil Baemsch, a carpenter, and John Coleman, who keeps a grocery store

While they were hurrying to the scene Miss Cutien secured a rope and threw one end of it down the well. The woman was screaming for help. When she tried to seize hold of the rope it slipped from her hands, and she fell back into the water. Again Miss Cullen throw the rope, and this time the woman caught it and held on.

In the meantime Raemach and Cole man had procured a long ladder and citing ride in Belleville on Saturday last carefully lowered it into the well. of the rungs broke and the two men finally managed, after a struggle, to get the woman on to the ladder, and then, in a half-fainting condition, she was raised to the top with the assistance of the rope, the latter telng placed in a from being overcome by cold.

out of his carriage at the bridge over the inspector in the department of banking tember 27th, at 3 o'clock. mill-pond at the Newark city line, but and insurance, who has been for the last three weeks going over the books local executive committees to fix the of the Caldwell Building and Loan dates for town and city conventions. Association, said Thursday that he had found several discrepancies in the accounts of Allan Lindsley, the secretary of the society, the full amount of given by Mr. and Mr. Hugh D. King at | which could not be told until his report their unfinished residence on Warren is submitted to the directors of the association next Monday. In Mr. Pryor's opinion the final shortage will amount to about \$1,000.

California Trip. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wetherby and their friend, Mrs. Hattle Roller, started AuA GOOD MOVE.

Newark Officials Propose Co-operation in the Construction of Sower age System for the Nilver Leke Territory-Matter Now Before the Town Council for Consideration.

At the Town Council meeting Monday Councilman Green's four votes, which | night a letter from Morris B. Sherrerd have served him so well in getting his | Chief Engineer of the Newark Board of big pipe job through the Town Council, Street and Water Commissioners, was again stood by him on Monday night in | read relative to a newerage system for another matter that involves an increase that section of this town between the Erie Raliroad and the Newark city line Mr. Sherrerd's letter was as follows: "I herewith enclose a small blue

print which shows portions of the cities of Newark and East Orange, and the townships of Belleville and Bloom. The question at issue was the appoint- field, indicated by shaded lines, which natural drainage a joint sewer system, The city of Newark has under consider sewerage facilities, the main trunk of in the Newark portion of the territory. The system contemplated lucludes pumping station on the old Bloomfield character of the nominee, and he made road at North Sixth street, at which point it is intended to lift the sewerage thirty Mr. Murray replied that Mr. Chabot's feet to discharge it into one of the city

"The portion of the work in Newark can be constructed entirely independent peen made to him. The question of the adjoining municipalities, but before was one of expenditure of public money proceeding with the same this letter and accompanying blue print are sent taxpayers. Special policemen are ap- to you in order to ascertain whether pointed without salary, but it is only a you would care to enter into any question of a short time when they are arrangement whereby the sewerage from the portion of your territory indi cated will be provided for, of capacity sufficient to arrange for in the main Newark. If the adjoining municipall-In reply Mr. Green said that there ties are not ready to extend their arrange with the city of Newark on some equitable basis to proceed with the construction of the main trunk, and provide discharge facilities to take care of sewerage of any or all of the municipalities which may be interested in the proposed construction, being limited to house sewerage. The esti mated cost of the main line contemplated and the pumping plant complete is in the neighborhood # \$18,600, and the approximate \$750.

"The following is the acreage of the several municipalities tributary such a system, viz.: Newark, 190 acres Bloomfield, 245 acres: Belleville, 95 acres; East Orange, 90 acres. cost of the main trunk, proportioned upon the above acreage, would be, say \$30 per acre. It a reply indicating that your municipality would care to consider the above proposition on some such basis as suggested is received within the next thirty days, I shall be glad to present the matter to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of the city of Newark for its further consideration with a view of making the construction of the main trunk of the sewer of sufficient alze to provide sewage facilities for the sections desiring to join, no charge being made on any outlet for pumping until the sewers are completed,"

8550 in Prizes. The New York Caledonian Club extends a cordial invitation to all professional athletes to compate in their fiftieth annual (Jubilee) games, which are open to the world, at Washington Park, Grand street, between Maspeth and Newtown, on Labor Day, Monday, September 3. The prize list aggregates \$550 in each. and prizes will be paid on the ground immediately after each game. Entries can be made during the preceding event if desired. Further information can be had by addressing John Ferguson, secretary of the games committee. No. 846 Seventh avenue, Borough of Manhattan, New York city.

Convention Dates Fixed. At a meeting of the Essex County Republican Committee last night the date for the county convention was fixed for Wednesday evening, September 26th, in Krueger Auditorium

convention will be held in Harburger's left this week for the Thousand Island John D. Pryor of South Orange, an ball, Newark, Thursday afternoon, Sep-A resolution was passed authorizing

Rungway Car.

William Laird, an engineer on the Greenwood Lake branch of the Erle Rellroad, had a thrilling chaze with his crew Wednesday after a heavily loaded freight train that can away from Montelair down grade toward New York at

to the place from which it started.

Caught With the Goods "A palpable fraud," which "shocks common sense, common honesty and

common decency," is the way Vice-Chancaller Pitney characterizes the plan of the Perth Amboy Water Commission to pay \$15,500 to Asbury Fountain, the former director and long-time boss of he old Middlesex Board of Freeholders. shown to the vice-chancellor that the highest price ever paid for land of the same nature, in the same locality, had recently bought an eighteen-acre tract nearby from another owner for \$200.

Mr. Pitney's plain talk is very like things which well-informed Middlesen taxpayers have been saying for years of similar outrages upon the county by the political machines bossed by Fountain and " Dory" Strong.

One of the Perth Amboy water com missioners who voted for the contract so atrongly characterized by the vice-chancellor is George J. Haney, who is also a member of the Middlesex County Tax Board, by the favor of Boss Strong, and was formerly Strong's personal representative in the old Freeholder Board. The Perth Amboy water deal bears all the earmarks of the worst kind of machine methods, and both the Strong and Fountain combinations concerned in the transaction seem to have been caught with the goods on them. - Newark News.

Local Politics.

Councilman Charles W. Chabot of the Second district of the Third ward issued an invitation to a number of Third ward residents to attend a conference at his home, No. 24 Dodd street, Tuesday night, for the discussion of Third ward

Chabot's conference, as it is termed, has been an absorbing topic in lecal political circles. Stories enough tion about what took place at the conference. All sorts c' motiene have been attributed to Mr. Chabot in calling the conference, and some of his friends are criticising his course.

Some people say that the conference was called for the purpose of starting a boom for Jesse C. Green's renomination as Councilman from the First district of the Third ward. If such was the case if was not good policy to start the boom outside of the district entitled to name the candidate, and the Republican County Committeemen in the ward should have been lavited.

Some First district men were present at the conference; among them R. T. Oadmus, J. R. Maxwell, James Adams

Mr. Cadmus says that if the conference was intended as an indorsement of Mr. Green it was a flat failure. different times, Mr. Cadmus says, an effort was made to put through a resolution endorsing Mr. Green for Councilman but without success. Finally he said they agreed to assent to a mild proposition that they would support Mr. Green at the polis if he got the Republican party nomination.

At a conference of Third ward (Second district) Republicans, held on Tuesday night, the following resolutions were

Resolved, That the Republican nominee for the position of member of the Town Council from Third ward should be a resident of the First dis-

the First district of the Third ward be equested to use their best efforts to esent a candidate who will command the confidence of the Republican voters

nomination, we pledge ourselves to Liewellyns three more tallies. Their use our best efforts to secure the election of the nominee at the primary election on September 25."

Glen Ridge I tems. H. S. McClure and family of Woodle venue are home from Maine

have gone to Stroudsburg, Pa. George Dunlop and tamily of Ch street are home from Point Pleasant, Leonard Kent is at Shelter Isla

Mrs. Charles Shotwell and daugh

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ulrich and fam of Hillside avenue are at Bradley Bea Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Thomas a The Seventh Congressional district Miss Elsie Thomas of Ridgewood aver

> Recorder William R. Smith of Hills avenue has recovered from a severe tack of ptomaine poisoning, caused eating lobster.

The Firemen's Relief Association on Thursday night elected delegates to the State Convention, which will be held in Atlantic City September 13.

Bids for Water Mains.

At the meeting of the Town Council Monday night bids for water main exa speed believed to have been at times | tensions were received from James Boyfifty miles an hour. The runsway was lan of Believille, Charles Pellega of caught in Soho and stopped by members | Orange, Pasquale Cestone of Montelair, of the engine's crew who climbed over and Smith & Maddox of this town. The the front of the locomotive and on to bids were referred to the Water Comthe back of the car as both were flying mittee for tabulation and report at the able to raise the money for his share along. The runaway was hauled back next meeting when the contracts will be and was held in costody. Much sym-to the place from which it started, awarded.

DECIDING GAME

BETWEEN BLOOMFIELD AND WATSES AFTERNOON

will clash in their final game this aftersoon at Morris Park. As each team that there will be great interest in the contest, and that an immense growd surrent that both slubs will pad up for the game, but these reports are generally started by a few sports to influence the betting. The Bloomfield Club its team as the boys are all playing fine ball and will give a good account of themselves at this game.

Last Saturday afternoon the locals defeated the Bonkonkoma Club in a well contested game, Tydeman holding the visitors down to three hits. Score: BONKONKOMA.

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The Liewellyn and All-Watsessing base-ball teams engaged in a game Sunday, the contest being the second in a series. The Liewellyns took the first game, which was a twelve-inning affair, by a score of 7 to 4. Grobe, who was in the box for the winners, captured his tenth game. He allowed only four hits, but issued seven passes. In most cases he held his opponents safe when men got on bases. In the eighth inning, however, the All-Watsessings bunched three of their four hits, and four runs. The Liewellyns secred two runs in the first on three singles and an error. In the sixth a hit by pitched "Resolved, That in the event of such | ball, two singles and an error gave the last scores came in the eighth, when a single, a two-bagger and an error

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High Priced Fish.

Herbert Brownjohn and Joseph Larkin, Gien Ridge youths, 17 years of age, were caught fishing in Tones's brook Thursday by Fish and Game Commissioner Percy H. Johnson and Game Warden Frederic Hall. The boys had two fish. The game officers took the boys before Justice of the Peace George W. Cadmus, who imposed a fine of \$47.20, being \$23.60 for each fish. The Larkin boy's fine was paid. The Brownjobn boy, who is a widow's con, was un-